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JANUARY

Welcome to our new meeting place. Our first meeting for 1985 will be Friday January 4, 7:30 sharp at the Wisteria Hall 3830 "U" Street. Hope to have some signs up, or drive by there during the day some time so you won't get lost the first time.

It's a regular business meeting with annual reports due. Election of District delegates. New officers will be installed on January 12.

Incoming officers is on the refreshment committee, hope to see you all there.



Reno Lodge #711 is hosting the installation of our new officers on Saturday January 12 at 2:00 PM, and a buffet lunch will be served.

Our District Deputy, Audry Fales, who is in charge of making the arrangements for the installation, has a bus for us to take up there. The cost is only \$10.00 a piece and we'll get it back in cash, food, drinks, Keno, Lucky bucks etc; Coffee and do-nuts will be served on the bus. This is not a money making trip so we will have a relaxing time coming and going, we can sing a few songs or what ever. There will be four stops made. The first one at 8:00 AM at Wisteria Hall, the next one at Coco's Arden Way, Sears Sunrise, and in Auburn on Hwy 49. There will be time to do gambling before and after the installation, so sign up with Audry as soon as possible to assure you of a seat.



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I want to thank every one for all your help during the year and wish all of you a Happy New Year, and I hope you'll all support the new officers and come to our new meeting place. We're all looking forward to a good year.....

Bernie Lundberg

LUCIA FEST HUGE SUCCESS - **GOOD SHOW**

Thanks to Ruth Veis and her committee and Don Carlson the children's club director. It was held Sunday afternoon December 9th at St. Johns Lutheran Church.

Anna Logus made a beautiful Lucia.....a nice program was put on by all the children and Ruth and Arlie Veis led the singing of Christmas carols. And Jule Tomten (Ted Olson) even came.

Christmas cookies of all kinds for refreshments completed the afternoon.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 3- Alfred Bergman | 13-Darlene Palmer |
| 4- Elayne Lincecum | 16-Billye Nelson |
| 4- Cecelia Segerstedt | 22-Thelma Badgley |
| 6- Alice Olson | 23-Maybelle Gustafson |
| 8- Don Carlson | 24-Elena Trnka |
| 8- Roland Carlson | 25-Martha Backstrom |
| 8- Gladys Stangl | 25-Birgitta Ellis |
| 9- Lisa Krastins | 27-Ralph Andersson |
| 12 Phil Olson | 27-Ed Dahlberg |
| 13 Ted Olson | 29-Ruth Veis |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

NEW SWEDEN

The Swedish colony in the New World

The 1600's were the years of colonization of North America by the European powers. England, France, and Holland established their colonies. Sweden, feeling herself a great power, wished to follow suit. A group of Swedish aristocrats financed by Dutch businessmen formed the Swedish West India company for this purpose.

In 1638 the ships Kalmare Nyckel and Fågel Grip brought a party of settlers up the Delaware River to the site of the present city of Wilmington. Here they purchased a tract from the Indians and established Fort Christina as headquarters for the colony of New Sweden.

The colonists did not find the wealth of gold and furs they had been led to expect but established an agricultural colony. Several other expeditions brought more colonists including many from Finland.

In 1655 the colony was invaded and taken over by the Dutch from New Amsterdam under the irascible Peter Stuyesant. This action was based on a dispute over rights to Delaware Bay.

The change of sovereignty did not affect the everyday work of the colonists. They continued much as before. In 1644 the colony was taken over by the English when New Amsterdam became New York. This also had little effect.

Ministers continued to be sent from the Church of Sweden and the colony maintained its Swedish character until final assimilation about 1800.

The Swedish colony was never very large but made some significant contributions. When William Penn established Pennsylvania in 1682, there were thriving Swedish farms across the river to supply food. Pennsylvania became the most successful of colonies as a result. The Swedes introduced the log cabin. Earlier colonists exerted tremendous labor in handsawing timbers and planks to build their crude houses. Finally, from these Swedish settlers were descended the leaders in American independence, John Morton and John Hanson.

Ted Olson

SOME FRESH STARTS FOR 1985

Stop thinking how you "wish it could be"; just think how good you've got it.

Recall the most thoughtful gesture you received last year and perpetuate the kindness by doing it for someone else.

Cut your neighbors grass while they're away.

Elizabeth Johnson wants to thank all those who have turned in their annual reports. If you haven't turned yours in do so by January meeting

We're hoping the new program books will be here by the January meeting. Besure to come and pick yours up.

FAST WORKER

"I don't know how you do it," said the office manager to his new secretary. "You've been here two weeks and already you're a month behind."

REPORT FROM SICK COMMITTEE.....

Al Bergman is about the same, just holding his own.

Marge Skicklig had her foot operated on the first part of December and was on crutches and then fell down and cracked her hip. We do wish you a speedy recovery.

HOSPITALITY RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary responsibility for the Hospitality Coordinator is to see that everyone has the opportunity to participate in the providing and serving of food and refreshments. These good things (food and refreshments) are a real necessity to help insure that our meetings are successful.

Every meeting requires a Refreshment Committee. Usually four to six people can handle this responsibility of serving some light refreshments after the meeting.

The Program Book lists those times when a special dinner is to be served. Depending on the type of dinner to be served, it will take from six to ten people to form a dinner committee.

Each member is asked to sign up for services at one or more of these activities. A list will be passed at several meetings by the Hospitality Coordinators to provide you the opportunity to select your serving month.

Each dinner committee and refreshment committee will set up their own table decorations and see that all accessory items such as napkins, etc; are available. Any special or extra costs can be submitted as a bill to the Lodge Secretary for reimbursement.

When the list goes around next meeting Please do your share this year and sign up and help on several of the meetings.

Do it Now

*Don't put off for tomorrow what
you can do today, because if you
enjoy it today you can do it again
tomorrow*